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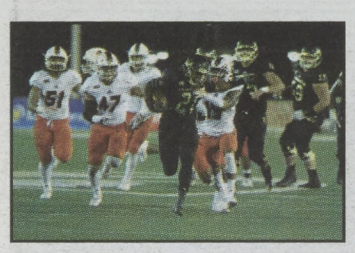

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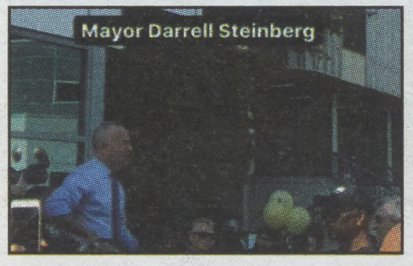
FEATURED SOCIAL MEDIA

An article on Sacramento State alumna Diane Rwigara being jailed after attempting a presidential run in Rwanda ignited many shares, likes and comments. Follow us at **Facebook.com/StateHornet** for more on and off-campus news.

@ThomasFreyRP live-updated from the Colberg Court on campus Oct. 12 as Sac State's women's volleyball team took on Southern Utah. The home team won 3-0 and remain undefeated in Big Sky play. Follow **@TheStateHornet** and **@SH_Sports** for more live sports and campus events.



We posted story updates from the Unity March for Empathy from University Union to the Hornet Stadium on Monday, which marked the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s visit to Sac State. Follow us **@StateHornet** for similar campus events.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NEW GRANT: The United States Department of Education will award three CSU campuses, including, Sacramento State a total of $8.1 million in an effort to increase the number of faculty members hired from Hispanic and Latino communities. Sacramento State will receive $2,619,530 over the next five years. "The CSU's teacher preparation programs' emphasis on diversity aligns with the goals of the U.S. Department of Education in increasing the diversity of the educator workforce," said Marquita Grenot-Scheyer, the assistant vice chancellor for Teacher Education and Public School Programs in a press release Oct. 11th.

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On page 17, a headline incorrectly labeled the ABC show "Inhumans" as "Inhuman."

We regret this error.

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MATTHEW NOBERT - The State Hornet

Sacramento States' Science II building is currently at ground level of construction and over a year away from its completion date of July 2019.

$20 MILLION SHORT FOR SCIENCE II

CSU allocated $71 million for the construction of Science II, leaving Sac State responsible for remaining $20 million

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According to Sacramento State officials, the CSU Chancellor's Office has allocated approximately $71 million to fund construction of the new Science II building leaving the University responsible for the remaining $20 million, which will likely come from private donations and, if necessary, the campus's capital reserve.

Al Frisone, the newly appointed vice president of University Advancement, is in charge of fundraising for the Science Complex.

Although he has only been working on this project for about a month, Frisone said he felt confident in the progress already made to secure funding and believes that the new building will be a transformational component for the university.

"The most important and valuable asset that you have is a compelling case for support," Frisone said. "I think, in this case, the science complex has an unbelievably compelling case."

Frisone said the University has begun the process of reaching out to alumni for contributions.

"That's our number one priority and number one constituency of focus," Frisone said. "Many of our donors, you know, took those same anatomy and science classes in the existing buildings, and those were outdated and old when they were students, so they

"We want this to be a successful building so that the Chancellor's Office is willing to give us more funds for more projects."
- Tania Nunez
Facilities Management administrator

certainly have a great appreciation for the need to update and really modernize the facility aspect in the sciences at Sac State."

In addition to alumni donors, corporate support could also be an important source of funding for the complex. According to Frisone, conversations are happening with various companies interested in Sac State graduates that have the strength and experience in science-driven fields.

While the search for donors progresses, curiosity behind who is donating is imminent. However, Frisone noted that donor confidentiality is essential until a formal gift agreement is established and confirmed.

Private donors will have the opportunity to have their names embellished on different features of the facility. Donations will be contributed toward naming opportunities for things such as the planetarium, which is currently projected to cost $5 million, according to Sac State officials.

According to the CSU philanthropic report, Sac State received approximately $18.2 million in gift commitments for the 2015-16 school year with a total of 39,279 individual donors including parents, alumni, foundations, corporations and other organizations.

If donor contributions fail to hit the targeted amount, the university may have to dip into its capital reserves.

The "Integrated CSU Administrative Manual" states that capital reserves include funds set aside for major long-term investment projects or other anticipated expenses. According to Sac State's university reserves policies, the campus chief financial officer is responsible for designating specific amounts that are intended to integrate with campus plans and prepare for "economic uncertainty."

Tania Nunez, a Facilities Management administrator, said that dipping into the capital reserve may have the potential to take away from other projects despite the university's traction on obtaining private donors.

"I'm hopeful that that won't be an issue," said Nunez. "It's gonna be a challenge if we find ourselves dipping into that too much. We'll just have to wait for it to replenish itself before we can really do any big sort of projects again."

Still, Nunez said that she believes the return on this major investment for the University will be worth it.

"We want this to be a successful building so that the Chancellor's office is willing to give us more funds for more projects," said Nunez. "I think that they like that we thought this project was so important to us, and we're willing to invest in it too, which I think buys us a lot of good will."

Nunez noted that each laboratory within the complex will be designed for a specific science as opposed to a one-size-fits-all infrastructure. In addition to specifically designed classrooms and labs, more seats will be available to students seeking a spot in impacted classes that have been full in past semesters.

Some students aren't phased by the looming costs of the project. Estaban Diamante, a senior mechanical engineering major, said that he believes any funds going toward the Science Complex should be considered an investment.

"Sac State is trying to boost up their reputation as a STEM-based school," Diamante said.

Diamante and a few of his peers agree that the demand for better facilities is pertinent.

"With admissions at an all time high, we are having more and more students major in science, math and engineering. Those majors are high in demand," Diamante said. "Sac State is competing with UC Davis for funding and bragging rights for who has the better school."

Floorplans of the 95,000 square foot building are available online for public viewing, provided by the University. The complex will include several amenities including two large lecture halls, a planetarium and an observatory with a retractable roof.

Classrooms and laboratories will include state of the art technologies and equipment making Sacramento State "a regional resource for science and technology knowledge," according to Sac States' Science Complex website.

The five-story facility will incorporate all departments of the College of Natural Sciences and will be available to students and the public providing learning opportunities for K-12 schools and surrounding communities.

In an agenda provided by CSU's Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds, and confirmed by Nunez, the project will also include the demolition of Humboldt Hall and future renovations to Sequoia Hall.

FAST FACTS

Sacramento State broke ground on the new Science II building Sept. 18. The project is estimated to be finished in July 2019 and will include laboratories, lecture halls, a planetarium and an observatory with a retractable roof.

» Science II, the planned STEM facility currently being built in the former Union parking lot, will cost approximately **$91 million to build.**

» The Chancellor's Office has allocated approximately **$71 million** in funding for the construction of Science II. This leaves a funding gap of **$20 million.**

» Sac State will turn to **private donations** from alumni and others to make up the funding gap. According to Al Frisone, the newly appointed vice president of University Advancement, Sac State is also looking into **corporate sponsorships** to help fund the building.

» If the funding gap cannot be closed through private donations or sponsorships, the University may have to take from the **capital reserve funds.**

SAC STATE SAYS

"What do you want to see **added** to campus?"

Sacramento State is currently undergoing a large amount of construction on multiple projects — Science II, Parking Structure V, Housing II and the Union Expansion — all expected to be completed within two years, which costs a total of around $235 million. We asked students what additions they would like to see to campus. We want to hear your thoughts too, so chime in using ***#SacStateSays*** on any social media platform.

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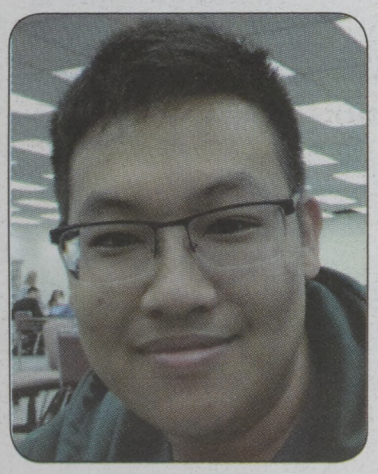
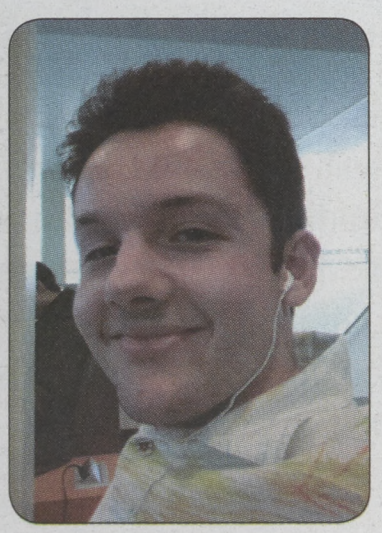


"I want a sleeping room with beds or cots that people check out to use in their free time. It prevents students from napping in class and ruining their academic workflow."

- Kevin Nguyen
Kinesiology



"I want a mini taxi depot. It would take students to and from classes with designated stops. Reduces walking time between classes."

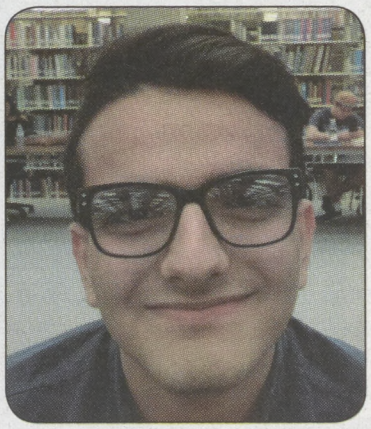
- Gunnar Hood
Mechanical engineering

"I want a churro store. It would make students happy because we don't have a store that specifies in desserts."

- Khadijeh Rashid
Forensic chemistry

"I want a dedicated building for the clubs to meet in. It would make it easier to find clubs, and it would prevent a single room from being shared by two or three clubs."

- Mutaz Edrees
Mechanical engineering



"I want a recreational building with a pool and a playground on the first floor. The second floor should have gaming computers, the third floor should have gaming consoles and the fourth floor should be a mini cinema."

- Mustafa Oudeh
Computer engineering

Professor loses home in NorCal fires

Communications faculty Kathleen Lucier woke up to flames just over the hill

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Photo courtesy of the California National Guard

Aerial photographs from the California National Guard show entire neighborhoods leveled by fire. At least 5,700 buildings have been destroyed in the fires spreading across Northern California since Oct. 8, according to state officials.

Multiple fires broke out and spread quickly in the North Bay Area the night of Oct. 8, leaving dozens dead, hundreds homeless and thousands to evacuate, according to Cal Fire's latest numbers.

The effects of the fires extend beyond the reach of Wine Country, however, including to one Sacramento State professor who lost her home but feels lucky to have escaped the flames with her life.

Kathleen Lucier, a communications professor, was in the thick of the Atlas Fire that windy night.

Lucier's home was located in the Silverado neighborhood in the hills of Napa. On the night of the fires, Lucier said that she and her husband had hosted friends for dinner and went to bed shortly afterward.

It wasn't until they were already asleep that the fires started. Lucier said that she and her husband awoke to knocking and shouting from neighbors, alerting them to the fire that was rapidly approaching the couple's home.

"We had a beautiful window that looked out over the mountains," Lucier said. "My husband ran downstairs to see who was knocking on the door, and as we got up, we saw that there were flames up on the hill behind our home."

Lucier said that she grabbed her purse and phone, and her husband grabbed his computer and hard drives.

"We went into the garage, and when we opened the garage, the flames were actually coming over the front of our house," Lucier said. "We just got in the car and left with nothing."

Lucier said that she and her husband spent the rest of the night with family nearby, expecting to be able to return to the area where her house was located the next day. It wasn't until the next morning, she said, that she learned of how large and damaging the fire was.

Lucier and her husband have been staying in a hotel but recently learned that they got approved to rent a home in Napa — a situation which she says is preferable since her family is in the area.

Although the situation has been devastating, Lucier said that she feels thankful that she and her family members are safe.

> "We lost our home and all of our belongings, and that's sad, but we just are unbelievably blessed with the fact that we've got each other."
>
> **- Kathleen Lucier**
> *Communications professor*

"We feel so blessed that we're here," Lucier said. "We lost our home and all of our belongings, and that's sad, but we just are unbelievably blessed with the fact that we've got each other."

Lucier said that fellow faculty members have shown an outpouring of support by offering to teach her classes and opening their homes to the couple.

"My goal is to be back on campus next week, just because I want to start getting back to a normal life and being with people that make that life normal," she said.

Cely Smart, the chief communications officer in the Office of the President at Sac State, said Student Affairs plans to work with faculty in excusing students from class who may have been affected by any of the North Bay fires.

"You think about the horrific situation that we're facing in our country right now, and you go through something like this, and you realize that we're all basic, stripped-down people and care deeply for one another," said Lucier. "All this other stuff really gets put into perspective when you think about life in general. People are good, we've just seen nothing but goodness as a result of this."

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Number of hit-and-runs since the semester started. That's an average of 3.5 hit-and-runs per week. Three weeks this semester saw five hit-and-runs on campus.

67

This last fall semester, in 2016, saw 67 hit-and-runs on campus. The first week of instruction was the busiest week, with 14 hit-and-runs reported on campus.

40

The spring 2017 semester saw 40 hit-and-runs on campus. Again, the first week of instruction was the busiest week, with six hit-and-runs reported.

Data from the Sacramento State Police Department

RIN CARBIN - The State Hornet

Students use social media to report hit-and-runs

Using Facebook groups to solve hit-and-run conflicts, whether as a witness, victim or perpetrator

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The last thing any Sacramento State student wants to deal with after rush hour traffic and increasingly crowded parking lots is grazing another vehicle while trying to park.

While some students would leave a note with a name and number, others would continue on to class. Now, social media are playing a bigger role in how students handle these brushes on campus.

Christine Neiger, a junior psychology major, witnessed a hit-and-run in Parking Structure I by the tennis courts. She then took a picture of both vehicles' license plates and posted it on Facebook to a networking and resource group for transfer students at Sac State.

"I watched her right in front of me try to fit into a tight spot, and after a while, she looked like she was going to try to leave," Neiger said. "There were cars waiting on either side of her, so I think she felt really pressured for time."

Neiger said she was inspired to take pictures of the plates after seeing a similar post on the group's Facebook page from another student about a hit-and-run witness leaving a note on the damaged vehicle.

Social media are also resources for stressed-out students, who hit another vehicle, to find out what to do next.

Jessica Montiel, a senior communication sciences and disorders major, used her sorority's group page on Facebook to find out what to do after backing into another vehicle while parking in Student Lot 8 by Hornet Stadium.

"I was there early; I had an hour before I had to go to my class, so I just chilled there for a while," Montiel said. "They didn't come, and it was down to the wire. I posted on my Facebook chat with my sorority and was like, 'Hey guys, this is what happened, what do I do?' and they (said), 'Just leave a note if you have to go to class and leave your information.' "

Jon Parker, a Sacramento State police officer, advised students that even if there is no time to wait for the other person to return or leave a note, students can call the on-campus police station and leave their information.

"One of the things that we run into often is if (students are) able to contact the suspect party of the hit-and-run," Parker said. "One of the most common reasons is they were late to get to class, so they couldn't stick around and follow through with their obligations or leave a note or contact the police.

"And one thing I always suggest is you can contact us and tell us that you were involved with a collision, and we can work with

"A traffic accident is never the end of the world. You take care of it, and you move on, and that includes whether you're the person that causes the collision, or you're the person on the receiving end."
- Mark Iwasa
Sacramento State police chief

you to make sure that we get in contact with you later after class."

According to the available seven weeks of Sac State Public Safety crime logs, 23 hit-and-runs have been reported since the semester started. During the fall 2016 semester, 67 hit-and-runs were reported on campus, with 14 being reported in just the first week of classes.

For the current semester, Parking Structure I and Parking Structure III have had the highest rates of hit-and-runs, with six and seven hit-and-runs respectively.

The parking structures are the most frequent places for hit-and-runs to occur, with Parking Structure I having the highest rate of hit-and-runs — 40 — between the fall 2016 semester and seven weeks into the current fall 2017 semesters. Parking Structure III follows with 24 hit-and-runs and Parking Structure II has the third highest rate of hit-and-runs with 21, both in the same time period.

"There's a variety of reasons for it — obviously people are in a hurry," said Sacramento State Police Chief Mark Iwasa. "There's a number of reasons for the accidents to begin with, (like) the scurry and bustle in, primarily, the parking structures where people are going in and out of spaces too fast."

For students who flee the scene without leaving identifying information, Iwasa said he believes panic may play a role.

"I think there are a number of people that panic when they have this collision," Iwasa said. "They think that it's gonna get them in trouble, get them in trouble with their folks, and so they panic, and they leave the scene and essentially have turned a civil issue — a non criminal issue — into a criminal issue."

While details on how campus police catch students who do not leave identifying information are unavailable for security reasons, Iwasa said the department has its methods.

"I remember we went through that one period last year when we started this little project, and we caught three or four (hit-and-run drivers) in a row," Iwasa said. "You would think they would be unsolved, but we caught them all."

Angie Murphy, then a freshman studying communication studies, was still reeling from a recent vehicle collision off campus, and she said she had turned her music on high to avoid thinking about "how scary driving is." However, Murphy said this led her to scratch the paint on a nearby car in Student Lot 7 by the Public Services building without realizing it. That is until she received a phone call from campus police.

"(The officer) basically said, 'We called you in here because someone came in and reported that you scraped against their car when you were parking,' and I was like, 'Oh, I did? I didn't even know that,' " Murphy said.

She also said that while having her photo taken and posted on social media after a hit-and-run would be embarrassing, she thinks it would have been helpful to her situation.

"It's a matter of doing it in a professional way," Murphy said. "It's humiliating, especially if it's to say, 'This person is a bad driver.' In my case, I didn't know (the scrape) happened. I didn't know the damage to her car before she drove off — (a picture) would have helped me and her."

Iwasa advised students who hit another vehicle, whether while parking or driving, not to overthink the issue.

"A traffic accident is never the end of the world," Iwasa said. "You take care of it, and you move on, and that includes whether you're the person that causes the collision, or you're the person on the receiving end."

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Freshmen play vital role in keepi

Men's soccer team eyeing Big West title

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After making program history last year in the postseason, the Sacramento State men's soccer team is looking to be on the same path but with a younger, less-experienced team.

The Hornets finished last season with a loss in the Big West Tournament semifinals to California State University, Northridge, on penalty kicks in overtime, but that wasn't their biggest loss: Sac State lost 10 of its seniors due to graduation.

After this loss of experienced players and adding 10 freshmen, most programs would expect this season to be a rebuilding year and allow the team to bond and mature.

However, Sac State coach Michael Linenberger made it clear at the beginning of the season they were not going to take this season off, and he said they'll continue to compete for a championship like he has done in his past 28 seasons as coach.

The Hornets started off the season looking like they needed a lot of work before any hope of returning back to the postseason after they lost their season opener to the University of the Pacific 2-0, followed by another loss to California State University, Bakersfield, in their first overtime game of the season.

"We had moments, but our final action in front of the goal isn't good enough," Linenberger said, referring to missed opportunities against Bakersfield. "Our shots don't hit the targets, they are wide or over. Our final cross, our final pass, our final cutback hasn't been good enough, and it wasn't tonight either."

Sac State was also missing one of its key leaders in senior midfielder Paul Geyer, who was out with an injury. Geyer and senior goalkeeper James Del Curto are usually relied on to command and guide the team.

Missing among the expected returners were sophomore defenders Mac Harrington and Abraham Rosales and junior midfielder Dominic Scotti. They were replaced by freshmen defenders Antonio Andres and Tyler Moss and forward Justin Bedig.

"Right now, we are starting three freshmen, and all three of them are really stepping up this year: Justin Bedig, (Andres) and Tyler Moss," Del Curto said. "The three of them have the ability to lead in the future. They are just young right now and still trying to get their feet wet in the game, but down the road, I can see all three of them leading."

Even though there looked to be promise from these freshmen, there was still the issue of the younger players connecting with team veterans in terms of personality and playing style.

"They did a really good job helping the freshman into the team," Sac State freshman midfielder RJ Moorhouse said, referring to the veterans. "Staying together as a team, not everyone doing their own thing or individually going off where everything has to go your way."

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Sacramento State freshman forward Justin Bedig gets control of the ball as he works downfield during Sac State's season opener against Univeristy of the Pacific on Aug. 26 at Horent Field.

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> **- James Del Curto**
> *Sacramento State senior goalkeeper*

As the season went on, the mentality of the team's style of play seemed to change: their energy level at the start of each half; being more assertive against teams; and going from defensive-based possessions to more offensively motivated possessions.

"I think we just found our identity as a team. Early in the season, it's hard to know what type of players you are and how you work together as a team, but as you grow and develop through the season, you start to gain an identity," Del Curto said.

Sac State had an exciting conclusion to the middle of its season, as it defeated Northridge 1-0 and tied with Big West South division leader UC Irvine in double overtime after the Hornets gave up an initial 3-1 lead. They then battled UC Davis to a 2-0 loss, as the teams sat in a three-way tie for first place entering the game.

With the loss to the Aggies, the Hornets (7-6-1, 3-2-1) fall to third place in the Big West North division. However, the top three teams in the north and south qualify for playoffs, and the Hornets hold a six-point lead over Cal Poly who sits in fourth place with four games to go.

While making the playoffs in any capacity would be nice with such a young team, squeaking into first or second place in the conference would give the Hornets a home game in the tournament. Sac State will get more chances, as it still plays UC Santa Barbara twice and Cal Poly and UC Davis one more time each.

"I think a lot of people were unsure about this team, especially after we lost 10 seniors, but I think the group really came together, and we stuck with each other through the hard times of the year, and now we're succeeding at the right time, and we're hitting our stride," Del Curto said.

ping Hornets playoff hopes alive

Women's soccer team makes final push for playoffs

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An appearance in the Big Sky Conference playoffs remains questionable for Sacramento State, but one thing looks certain: the women's soccer team has a bright future thanks to its freshmen core.

Through the help of inexperienced freshmen, the Hornets are 7-7-3 overall and 2-3-3 in conference with a chance to squeak into the postseason. Sac State currently sits at seventh place in the Big Sky with Southern Utah (3-5) and North Dakota (3-4), all at nine team points on the season, but will need to finish in sixth place to make the playoffs. To do this, the Hornets must catch up to Northern Arizona (4-4) and Norhtern Colorado (4-3), which are tied with 12 points each.

"I think it's a tremendous group to build on," Sac State coach Randy Dedini said. "We have another very strong class in 2018 coming in, so that's going to be the foundation for the next four years, and (I'm) super excited to see them develop and grow, and this team's just going to continue to get better."

This isn't just empty boasting on Dedini's part, as freshman forward Kylee Kim-Bustillos and freshman midfielder Skylar Littlefield have proven their worth through contributions to the team. Kim-Bustillos leads the Hornets with eight goals, three assists, 19 points and 23 shots on goal. Littlefield has also mustered three points with the help of one assist and one goal.

"Well, it's definitely a lot of pressure 'cause I feel like I have to do more to score, like a lot of pressure is on me, I'm expected to score," Kim-Bustillos said. "But it's (great) that I'm able to play here and do well at the same time and make an impact on the team."

On the opposite side of the field, freshman Aaliyah Fesili has been a defensive stalwart at the goalkeeper position. She was named Big Sky Defensive Player of the Week on Sept. 26 and has helped lead the Hornets to five shutout performances, two of which went into double overtime.

Although a nagging knee injury might sideline Fesili for some upcoming games, Dedini is ready to make some changes if needed and said he is confident in the freshmen who have stepped up to fill in for injured players.

"It's just been next girl up, next player up, and they've been doing a great job, and so we just got to keep positive," Dedini said. "If Meghan Glisson, our fourth-string goalkeeper's in there, then I'm sure she's going to give it 100 percent, and she's fully capable of getting the job done for us."

The 11 freshmen players, as a whole, know there is room for improvement and try to help the team in any way they can while learning from veterans.

"As a freshman, in terms of experience, we learn a lot from the older girls, so that's really nice," Hornets freshman midfielder Erika Munoz said. "Since there's so many of us, we like to be really close, and we all support each other. As you can tell, on the bench we give a lot of energy to the players on the field, so we just try to contribute as much energy as we can to the players on the field."

Returners such as senior defender Chelsea Arnold and junior midfielder Caitlin Prothe resemble their head coach, as they're quick to offer praise to the freshmen core that makes up nearly half of the team.

"The freshmen have stepped up big time, especially with all the injuries we've had," Prothe said. "We've gone through three (goalkeepers) almost, and everyone stepped up in that position. Everyone has something to add to this team, and everyone has been able to bring that to the field, every game and in practice."

The Hornets will get an opportunity to move up in the Big Sky standings when they play Southern Utah at 1 p.m. Sunday at Hornet Field.

CARLO MARZAN - The State Hornet

Sacramento State freshman midfielder Skylar Littlefield, left, kicks the ball downfield as freshman defender Cara Quinn, right, tries to block the ball during the Oct. 1 game against Northern Colorado.

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SHAUN HOLKKO - The State Hornet

Sacramento Kings guard Frank Mason III dribbles the ball against guard De'Aaron Fox during a friendly pickup game Sunday at Fan Fest.The Kings open the 2017-18 basketball season against the Houston Rockets at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Golden 1 Center.

Sacramento Kings season preview

Sac State students speak on the state of Kings basketball

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The 2017 NBA All-Star game might forever be seen as a turning point for the Sacramento Kings.

Sacramento Kings General Manager Vlade Divac pulled the trigger last February when he traded three-time, All-Star center DeMarcus Cousins to the New Orleans Pelicans. Cousins is arguably the best at his position in the league today, but his animated on-court antics, combined with the team failing to make the playoffs year after year, created tension.

"Even though I loved DeMarcus Cousins, I thought he was selfish with the ball, and when you have an offense that goes through one player every time down the floor, it's not successful," said Tristan Bare, a sophomore majoring in exercise science at Sac State. "I like that we are transitioning into team ball."

Instead of trying to pile whatever players they could around Cousins in an attempt to squeak into the playoffs, the Kings received a young core of players to take his place. In the Cousins trade, the Kings received Buddy Hield and the Pelicans first-round pick in the 2017 draft. Divac ultimately traded that pick for two later first-round picks and drafted forwards Justin Jackson of North Carolina and Harry Giles of Duke.

With their own first-round pick, Sacramento drafted guard De'Aaron Fox from Kentucky to be the centerpiece of the Kings franchise for years to come.

"De'Aaron Fox was a great pick, but only thing I hope is that he develops a consistent jumpshot," said Vrezh Karapetyan, a Sac State freshman majoring in business accounting. "He's a slasher, extremely fast, great handles and isn't afraid to attack the basket."

Fox is only a rookie, but the fans in Sacramento already have high hopes and expectations based on his collegiate career at Kentucky.

"De'Aaron Fox is so explosive, and I think he'll bring life back to the team," Bare said.

In the second round, the Kings drafted NCAA Player of the Year Frank Mason III out of Kansas. Mason and company will join second-year players Hield, Malachi Richardson, Skal Labissière and Georgios Papagiannis. But a young team is nothing without veteran leadership.

This summer, the Kings signed veterans George Hill, Zach Randolph and Vince Carter. Randolph and Carter played under Kings coach Dave Joerger when he was in Memphis, so they are both familiar with his coaching style. The team also lured international sharpshooter Bogdan Bogdanovic over from Serbia to sign with the Kings, as they held his NBA rights since draft night 2016.

"I think we overpaid a few of the veterans, but they will be helpful in guiding the rookies and helping them develop," Karapetyan said.

They join Kings veterans like Garrett Temple, Willie Cauley-Stein and Kosta Koufos. The team is extremely young, therefore it's expected that the veterans — along with Joerger — will play a vital role in developing the young guys.

Joerger will also be entering his second season as the coach for the Kings. Providing him with a group of young talent to go along with seasoned veterans might just be the perfect combination. This provides balance and stability, which was nowhere to be found in Joerger's first season in Sacramento.

"I would assume the focus is gonna be more on development and securing a top-three pick in the next draft," said Kyle Crosswhite, an undeclared sophomore at Sac State. "With the state of the (Western Conference) at this point, trying to contend (for a playoff spot) would be pointless."

If they haven't already, Kings fans should probably lower their expectations as well, since the front office committed to a full-fledged rebuild and hit the reset button eight months ago.

The Sacramento Kings open the 2017-18 season against the Houston Rockets at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Golden 1 Center.

Sacramento State freshman running back BJ Perkinson tries to break a tackle against Idaho State Saturday at Hornet Stadium. Sac State won 41-21 over the visiting Bengals.

Sac State wins homecoming 41-21

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Coming off a weeklong bye, Sacramento State celebrated its football homecoming with a 41-21 win over the visiting Idaho State Bengals Saturday night at Hornet Stadium.

The Hornets' homecoming success was lead by an offense that finished with over 300 rushing yards (318) for the third straight game of the season, and a defense that tied a season-high record with six sacks.

"We've really been challenging these guys all year, and I thought our level of execution in terms of our fundamentals was fantastic," said Jody Sears, the Hornets head coach.

After nearly 15 minutes of scoreless play in the first quarter, Sac State (3-3, 2-1 Big Sky Conference) junior quarterback Kevin Thomson found daylight for an eight-yard rushing touchdown. This score was Thomson's eighth rushing touchdown in three games, and it gave the Hornets an early 7-0 lead.

"It really opens up our offense when you have a dual-threat quarterback," Sac State senior receiver Isiah Hennie said, referring to Thomson's ability to use his feet. "We saw him (during spring training camp, and) we didn't think he had too much twist until he really came back during fall camp and really kind of turned it on."

The Bengals (3-4, 1-3 Big Sky) turned on their offense as well and answered right back — thanks in part to a pass interference call on the Hornets in the back corner of the end zone — with a two-yard rushing score by Idaho State sophomore running back Ty Flanagan.

With a little over four minutes left in the second quarter, Sac State took the lead back after Thomson threw a strike to junior receiver Jaelin Ratliff for a 32-yard touchdown and a 14-7 lead. The Hornets then got the ball back, and Thomson wasted little time by hitting Ratliff up for completions of 35 and 20 yards each. These connections set up Sac State for an 18-yard field goal by junior Devon Medeiros and a 17-7 lead going into halftime.

Despite the close score, the Hornets utterly dominated Idaho State in the first half at the line of scrimmage. Sac State outrushed the Bengals 111-27, and its defense had five sacks — two of which from sophomore defensive tackle Dariyn Choates — on junior quarterback Tanner Gueller in the first two quarters.

"Our No. 1 priority is to stop the run and create turnovers, and I feel like we did that today," Sac State junior defensive end George Obinna said after finishing with four total tackles and two sacks. "Literally, (we) come with the same mentality: trying to stop the run, trying to create turnovers, we're just trying to hit that quarterback."

Idaho State continued to get outmuscled in the second half as Sac State freshman BJ Perkinson, who finished with a game-high 155 rushing yards on 17 carries and ran five yards into the end zone for his first career rushing touchdown.

The Bengals were able to answer the score with a touchdown of their own after Hennie fumbled a punt, which allowed Gueller, who finished 20-of-35 for 244 yards and two touchdowns, to connect with sophomore receiver Michael Dean for a 17-yard touchdown. But Hennie responded on the next drive with a 12-yard touchdown reception to reclaim their 17-point lead (31-14) with 6:51 left in the third quarter.

Sac State's pass defense continued its struggles in the game as Gueller threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to his brother, sophomore receiver Mitch Gueller. The Gueller connection brought the score to a manageable 31-21 deficit for the Bengals with 4:48 remaining in the third quarter and put the Hornets back on their heels.

"That's going to happen at times, but at the end of the day, we really didn't give up many big plays," Sears said. "(Idaho State) beat Nevada, and it was because they had three or four really monster plays that really was the difference in that game, and we just knew if we could just keep it in front of us (and) stop their running game, that we were going to have an advantage."

This initial pushback from the Bengals was short lived, however, as Sac State cruised in the fourth quarter with running backs Joseph Ajeigbe, Perkinson and Isaiah Gable all getting touches to milk the clock for a final score of 41-21.

Sac State will continue conference play against North Dakota at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 21 at Alerus Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

MARIVEL GUZMAN - The State Hornet

Artist Mustafa Shaheen puts the finishing touches on "Mercury is in Gatorade," a painting that represents the cultural appropriation of Native Americans. Shaheen uses staged photos of his friends as models for his paintings and bought Native American-styled feathers from a Halloween store for the model to wear in this piece.

Student's art questions 'strange' traditions

'Greetings from the USA' shows American culture through the eyes of an immigrant

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Americans' fixation with camo-print fashion, succulent plants and gender reveal parties are just a few topics that guests should expect to discuss at a new art exhibit in the Robert Else Gallery.

Since emigrating from Egypt at 11 years old, artist and graduate student Mustafa Shaheen said he has adapted to life in the United States but still wonders why Americans partake in certain rituals and trends. He decided to turn these observations into the theme for his Advancement to Candidacy exhibit, "Greetings from the USA."

The exhibit will feature five paintings that express Shaheen's ideas of what may be problematic in American culture. Shaheen describes himself as an advocate for pursuing what is right and wrong, and he wants others to do the same by taking a look at themselves and question why certain ideologies exist in their culture.

"I just want that subtle conversation to start," Shaheen said. "I am using culture, observation and assimilation as a vehicle to drive those themes that I am exploring."

One painting, "Reveal Cakes," was inspired by Shaheen's attempt to understand why gender reveal parties are so celebrated in America. The piece shows a pink cake and a blue cake, each topped with the words, "It's A..." The sentence looks unfinished due to a quarter piece of the cake being cut out.

In American culture, people associate things like colors, toys and sports with gender. Pink is for girls and blue is for boys. Girls play with dolls, while boys play sports. Shaheen said he wonders why people would assign these gender roles to a child who hasn't even been born yet.

"Let (children) find who they want to be and explore themselves," Shaheen said. "Why would you say, 'Oh she's a girl, she needs to play with dolls'? Why can't she play with action figures? Those are the types of things I want people to question and think about."

Another painting, "Camo Couple," depicts a woman wearing a pink camo-print dress and a man wearing a green camo-print tuxedo as they have their prom picture taken.

"When you think of camo, you might think of hunting or of someone in the military, but yet it has sort of become a fashion aesthetic," Shaheen said. "I am so interested in how camo has sort of permeated culture here, and a fashion aesthetic versus this functional thing."

Sarah Flohr, an art professor at Sacramento State, had Shaheen in many of her drawing and painting classes when he was an undergraduate. Flohr said that Shaheen would always let her know what ideas he had and what elements he would use for his art. "Greetings from the USA" is the product of Shaheen's new approach of mixing humor and social issues in his art.

"I am interested in the new direction he's taking," Flohr said. "He brings his own inspiration and ideas (to each piece). I am just happy to see his art develop and grow."

According to Shaheen, a person has to assimilate themselves in a culture to find their place in it. As an immigrant, Shaheen said he will always feel like a foreigner and named his exhibit after his desire to further explore and understand American ideals.

Trevor Pope-Lance, a graduate student and friend of Shaheen, said in an email that he wants people who see Shaheen's art not to be offended by how American culture is being depicted. Rather, he would like them to question why the piece bothers them.

"For someone (like Mustafa) with an immigrant background, someone with more contrasting experiences than most to compare to, it is easy to stand beside some of the truly bizarre activities we as Americans take part in and ask simply, wtf?" Pope-Lance said in the email.

Read what Shaheen has to say about his works on page 15.

SHARLENE PHOU- The State Hornet

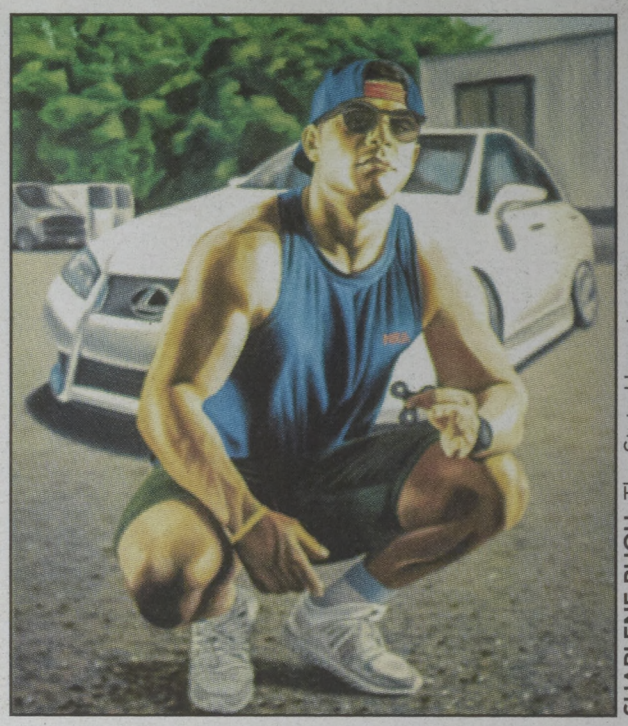
'Camo Couple'

"Camo is everywhere here! It's so interesting how it's gone from a functional device and simultaneously inserted itself into a fashionable one. I thought it would be funny to have a couple wearing a camo tux and dress and paint them posed for their prom pic. I did a Google search and discovered that going to prom in camo has been a thing. It's a thing, and it's amazing."

SHARLENE PHOU- The State Hornet

'Mercury is in Gatorade'

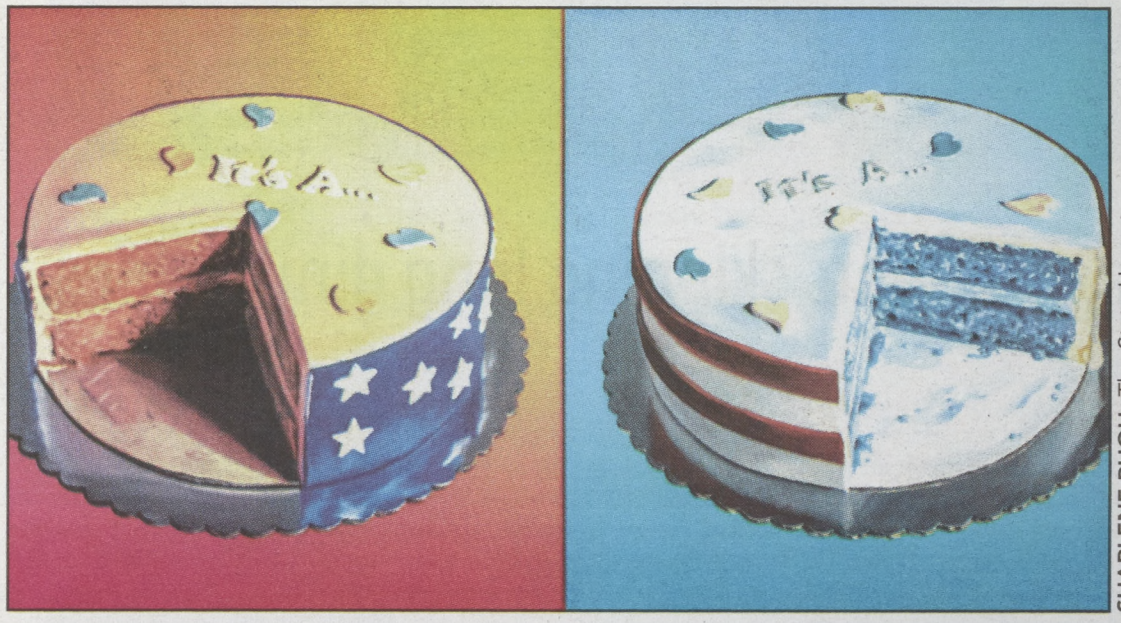
"The painting represents cultural appropriation. Cultural items of significance are often disrespected and donned as a costume for the sake of fashion. It's a growing issue that one can witness at places like a music festival or even Halloween. There was definitely some irony when I purchased the Native American feathers from a Halloween store for the model to wear in this painting."



SHARLENE PHOU- The State Hornet

'Take the Red Pill'

"I wanted to document hyper-masculinity and the growth of men's rights activists. With how bad things still are for women, it's really weird to me that there are men who still think that they're the ones who face more discrimination."



SHARLENE PHOU- The State Hornet

'Reveal Cakes'

"This is where the body of work started. I'm fascinated by how popular gender reveal parties have become. And as creative as they can be, they're also problematic. I think it's really strange that parents want to project their personal interests on their children based on reproductive organs."

"Greetings from the USA"

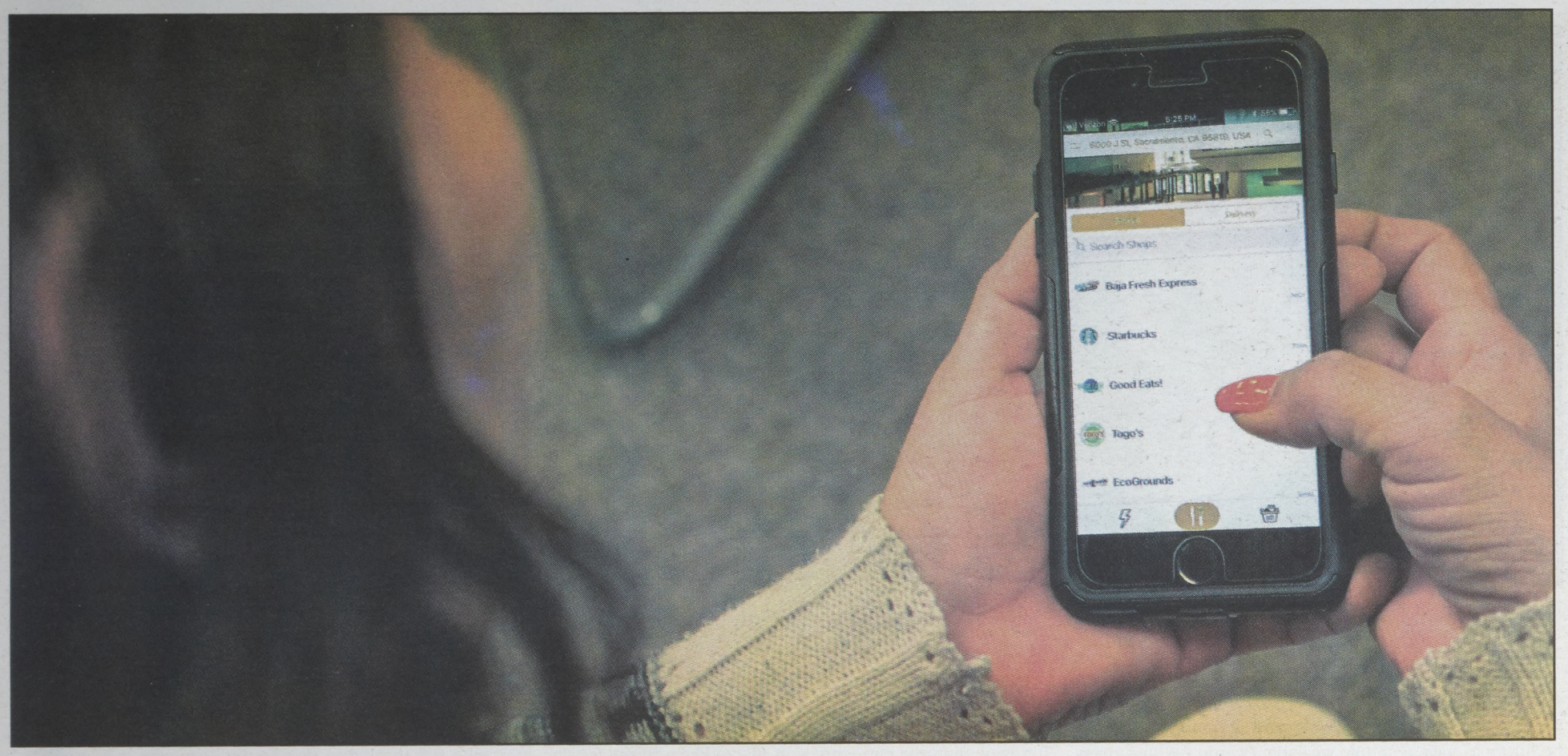
Robert Else Gallery
Oct. 16-20

A special reception will take place on Oct. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m.

SHARLENE PHOU- The State Hornet

'Live, Laugh, Leave'

"Succulent culture has become really trendy over the last few years. Those monstera plants seem to be in everyone's homes! And mason jars too! I'm interested in how people piece together their environments, and with America being a consumer culture, my friend in the painting and I converted most of her living room into one that you often see inhabited by someone in their twenties or thirties."



MATTHEW NOBERT - The State Hornet

Tapingo, a food ordering app, allows Sacramento State students to order food from select campus dining locations from their mobile device without having to wait in line.

FAST FOOD

Food ordering app Tapingo has students skipping long dining lines

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This semester, some students seem to be cutting ahead of lines, coming into restaurants only to grab a readily prepared meal and going about their day without even stopping at the register to pay.

Those students may be using Tapingo, a free app that allows them to order and pay for food from mobile devices without having to be in the restaurant. The app is free to download on Android and iPhone and allows students to browse through menus from eight available dining options on campus: Java City, Baja Fresh, Starbucks, Good Eats!, To-go's, EcoGrounds, Epicure and Grumpy Mule.

After users are done selecting items from the menu, they can pay with a credit card or the campus meal plan. The app will send a notification when the order is ready for pick-up.

Over 200 college campuses use Tapingo, and there are currently 400 students signed up for the app at Sac State. Angela Rader, marketing services director of University Enterprises Inc., said in an email that UEI partnered with Tapingo this semester in an effort to improve the campus dining experience.

"(We wanted) to shorten the time between ordering and enjoying a nice meal," Rader said in the email. "Since the overwhelming majority of people have or use a cell phone, it was logical to partner (with) technology."

Tapingo works by wireless communication, with orders being received by a small printer stationed at each restaurant. The machine prints out the order details for restaurant employees to complete. After the food is prepared, employees will leave the order at a designated pick-up area. A bright yellow receipt is attached to the item with the customer's name on it, making it easy for them to grab the order and go.

Students like Shanna Ballesteros, a senior government major, rely on the app to order food between classes. She said that she typically uses the app two to four times a week.

"(Tapingo is) really easy to use," Ballesteros said. "I use it to skip the lines, so it's especially good if you're in a rush or going to class."

Cat Stepanek, a Tapingo student representative, said the app was developed with students in mind. She said that she hopes the app will increase the demand for its service, so Tapingo can offer more restaurants and eventually have delivery options.

"We (at Tapingo) wanted to make it easier for students to get to their classes and get to activities that they are doing, so that they don't have to wait in lines," Stepanek said.

Additional reporting by Rin Carbin.

5 Reasons to fall in love with fall

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It's that time of year again. The weather begins to cool, and the tree-infested campus transforms from forest green to shades of crimson and gold. The words "pumpkin spice" are inescapable, making their way into your coffee, desserts and candles. We've compiled a list of things to appreciate this fall season and how to celebrate them.

Warm Drinks

Though you might find yourself opting for the infamous Starbucks pumpkin spice latte at least once this season, the ways in which you can receive this same 'Fall in a Cup' drink stretches far beyond the horizon of the star mermaid icon. Local coffee shops like The Mill house locally sourced, organic ingredients in drinks like the winter spice latte. Despite its name, the drink is made with traditional fall spices like cinnamon and nutmeg. Other drinks that can warm you up this season include a cup of hot chocolate topped with marshmallows or a hot apple cider.

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Fall Fashion

Sweater weather is upon us, opening up your wardrobe for more pieces like thick knit sweaters, coats and boots. If you're unsure of how to layer these items together, find inspiration from Kinfolk, a magazine known for its minimalistic approach to style. High waisted trousers paired with a chunky knit sweater and Dr. Martens sneakers is one way to stick to a minimalist aesthetic while still keeping warm. Another trend that's been making its way into fall fashion is long sleeve linen tops laid over thick suede knee length skirts. Although Ugg boots may be comfy and warm, swapping them for waterproof clogs just might be a different take on fall.

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Getting Cozy

The cold season is a great excuse to snuggle up with your special someone, as you surround yourselves in blankets and tune into your favorite fall TV show. If you're the type that appreciates some good alone time, get lost between the bounds of a new book while sipping on your favorite hot beverage. You can also warm up your home with the sweet aroma of limited edition candles like the Cinnamon Spiced Vanilla scent from Bath & Body Works.

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Halloween

The holiday lineup officially kicks off with Halloween when ghosts and ghouls come out to play for one spooky night. A staple of the holiday is hand-carved jack-o'-lanterns placed on the front porches of houses, beckoning young trick-or-treaters in their quests for candy. You can find the perfect pumpkin at a number of farms in the Sacramento area, including Uncle Ray's Pumpkin Patch and Perry's Pumpkin Farm. If you're looking for more activities, The Elk Grove Giant Pumpkin Festival houses an art walk, pumpkin food court and a two-hour painting party. There's also a variety of competitions from pumpkin recipe contests to a scarecrow building contest. If you want to get spooked this Halloween, a haunted corn maze can be found at Vierra Farms in West Sacramento.

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Thanksgiving

This season also happens to be the time of gathering, and Thanksgiving does this best by bringing families and friends to the dinner table. Cooking and baking together is a tradition for many, and the celebration calls for foods like pumpkin pie, mashed potatoes, squash, cranberry and of course, turkey. Another way to spend an autumn day is apple picking at Apple Hill in Placerville, where everything from donuts, pies, cider to sundaes is made with apples.

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JOSEPH DANIELS - The State Hornet

Sac State President Robert Nelsen and multiple public officials finish breaking ground at the site where Science II is being constructed. It is set to open in fall 2019.

We need a return on investment

Science II can't just be a nice new building — it needs to be a reason to make Sac State better

We will have to wait until fall 2019 to check out all the bells and whistles (beakers and wet labs?) of Science II, but now seems like the right time to start imploring Sacramento State to make sure this building fundamentally enhances the University's image.

Twenty million fingers crossed, 20 million Hail Marys said and 20 million woods knocked on.

Sac State looks ready to make a large — pronounced correctly in this case by extending the "r" sound by 20 million more "r's" — investment in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) sciences with the construction of Science II.

It will have 30 biology and chemistry labs, two lecture halls, a 2,500 square foot planetarium and an observatory with a retractable roof and telescopes.

Naming rights for sections of the building — one of Sac State's last chances to offset the costs from its reserve funds — are going at reasonable rates of $500,000 for one of two lecture halls, $1 million for the green terrace, $2 million for the plaza, $2.5 million for the observatory and $5 million for the planetarium.

But it is supposed to provide a launching point for Sac State to improve its academic reputation. And that is probably as good of a thing to do with $20 million of reserve funds as can be thought of.

It's a shiny new sports car that most would think UC Berkeley, Stanford or UC Davis are more equipped to drive.

There is no state in the country more overloaded with science-powerhouse universities than California; there aren't 20 million to list, but you might get close.

Try as they might, besides Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, the CSU's are far down the list; below almost every UC as well as multiple private schools like Stanford and USC.

So get good, Sac State. In the time before and after Science II's opening, make strides to improve the quality of education that STEM students receive at this university. Improve the reputation that our science programs have locally and nationally.

All the marketing campaigns, photo ops and groundbreakings will come and go with little change in public perception unless people forget that #SlackState was ever a thing.

And though it's disappointing, increasing facility costs at all CSUs is one of the reasons tuition had to be raised last semester. It was clear (and perhaps had been for quite a long time) that Sequoia Hall was not a suitable long-term home for the programs that will eventually be moved to Science II.

Maybe if the budget allows (or Science II turns out to be a hit with the Chancellor, enough so that more money is allotted to Sac State), we can eventually upgrade the facilities of other departments that would likely raise their hand if asked, "Do your classrooms and offices no longer reflect industry standard?"

So for the eventual ribbon cutting, focus on making sure practically emptying our rainy-day fund will end up being worth it. Make the STEM programs on campus, and the university as a whole, worth this big of an investment; or fill the coffer back up quickly, so we all forget.

Unpopular opinions are also valid

STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID OF VOICING OUT-OF-FAVOR VIEWS

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There will be times in your life when you're asked for your honest opinion, whether it be for an interview, or just because your friend wants to know what you think. In those times, it might feel difficult, or even uncomfortable, to give your honest opinion because it might come across as rude or simply mean-spirited, even if it isn't your intention to appear that way.

While it may seem best to hide your opinion behind a facade, you should never feel forced to keep your thoughts a secret. Even if your opinion is vastly unpopular with those around you, it is nevertheless an opinion that deserves to be heard.

It might simply be that you've never been taught that your opinion is misinformed or ignorant, or that you didn't intend to be mean-spirited to whomever you directed that opinion. Often times, people forget that we all have different life experiences, and our opinions are a result of those various experiences. If the person asking your opinion cannot understand that, then they should not be asking people for their honest opinion in the first place.

You can't let your fears of being judged for what you think get in the way of how you act. If, for example, you are very much against gay marriage for the simple fact that you were raised in a religious family, that is fine. As long as you have a reason behind your opinion that isn't hate or contempt, then your opinion has every right to be considered as valid.

You also can't assume that you are the only one who holds that opinion. For all you know, you could be a part of a large group who all keep their views hidden because of the same fear of judgement by others who hold the majority opinion. If you make your views public, you'll, in turn, make your group also feel like they're not alone.

The key to all of this is ensuring that you're being respectful. Of course, some opinions will be considered outlandish and offensive regardless of how they are presented. However, by ensuring that your ideas can be communicated without bringing harm to others, you allow for the opportunity to promote growth and understanding between communities that wouldn't normally interact with one another.

It's time for people to stop being passive about their viewpoints out of fear of saying the wrong thing. Don't let others assume what you think, be open to challenging opposing views and create a more welcoming environment for all opinions.

RIN CARBIN - The State Hornet

"No ban, No Wall" protesters walk around Sacramento State College Republicans as they block their path during their on-campus march on Feb. 2.

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